

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:765
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2000
CONDITION OF SAREE WEAVERS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the pathetic condition of the saree weavers in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether these saree weavers are neither getting the raw material at concessional rates nor getting the loans from the Bank/Financial institutions;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to promote and provide assistance to the weavers in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRIV. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a)&(d) The Government is aware about the problems and committed to socio economic upliftment of the handloom weavers. The Government has been implementing various Schemes and programmes for overall developments of the Handloom Sector and welfare of weavers in the country including Uttar Pradesh. The Schemes include Workshed-cum-Housing, Thrift Fund, Group Insurance, Health Package, Export Development, Decentralised Training, Supply of Yarn at Mill Gate Price, Hank Yarn Obligation and Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.

The NABARD has been extending credit facilities to the handloom weavers at lower-rate of interest. The financial Institutions set up for extending finance to SC/ST/OBC/Minority have also agreed to provide credit facilities to the handloom weavers.

On receipt of viable proposals, funds are released to different State Governments including Uttar Pradesh. Funds to the tune of Rs. 8475.90 lakhs were released to the various State Governments including Rs. 783.99 lakhs to Uttar Pradesh under different handloom development Schemes during 1999-2000.